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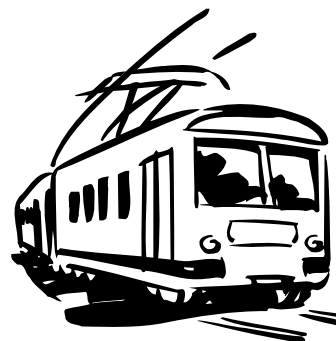
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Streetcar Station opens Oct. 20th

The public is invited to the Grand Opening of the Como Park Historic Streetcar Station, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 20th. The station is at 1224 Lexington Parkway, on the corner of Lexington and Horton in the southern part of Como Park.

During the open house (which will be held rain or shine) visitors are welcome to tour the museum area and learn or reminisce about the role streetcars played in Saint Paul's transportation system during the first half of the 20th Century, as well as the history of many Twin Cities parks, including "old" Como Park. Entertainment, door prizes, and refreshments will be provided.

Under the management of the Division of Parks and Recreation, the newly refurbished station features an outdoor veranda and a self-guided museum area, which may be used for public meetings and conferences. The



exterior has been beautifully re-stored, and the floor has been redesigned as a map of the system's routes and their linking parks.

The station promises to be a destination point for many visitors to Como Park, and will be of special interest to those over the age of 50 who remember the streetcar system during the days when it was in full operation.

For more information, contact Linda Ulrich at 651-266-6418.

City invites Guns N'Hoses parade participation

On Sunday, November 11th, the City of Saint Paul will host a major parade to kick off the "Guns N'Hoses" benefit for New York Firefighters and Police Officers. The parade, which will take place beginning at 10:00 a.m., will feature participants from around the state as Saint Paul celebrates Minnesota heroes and heroines.

State high schools, veterans' organizations, police and fire units, and other organizations are encouraged to participate in the parade. Organizers hope for the event to show the men and women who have served, or currently serve in the uniform of any service, Minnesotans' appreciation for what they do.

"This is America, and in America we celebrate our heroes and heroines," said Mayor Norm Coleman. "Now, more than ever, we must come together as a community to say 'Thank you' to the men and women who serve in the uniform of every service in our state."

The parade will run the length of Snelling Avenue in Saint Paul, and organizers believe it could be one of the largest parades in the city in quite some time.

Parade organizers are seeking participants to be in the parade, and are requesting that interested individuals contact them at 651-266-8542, gunsnhoses911@hotmail.com, or emische@rivercentre.org.

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New "Charlie Brown Around Town" video

One hundred two Charlie Browns shine in the spotlight in a new collectible video produced by Craig Schulz, son of the late cartoonist, Charles M. Schulz.

The video shows details of each artist's creation up-close and includes interviews and a musical montage of fans enjoying the beloved statues.

Schulz's first video in his "Peanuts on Parade" series was wildly popular with PEANUTS lovers. The inspiration to create the Snoopy video came during his first visit to see Saint Paul's tribute to his father. "I was so impressed with the incredible detail the artists put into their work. I wanted people to have a keepsake of all the statues and to have anyone anywhere in the world be able to experience the tribute to my Dad", said Schulz.

The video did just that. Released in Saint Paul during last year's holiday season, "A Summer of Snoopys in St. Paul" has since reached fans throughout the world, and is especially popular in Japan.

The new video commemorates this past summer's tribute, "Charlie Brown Around Town." Schulz involved fans in the production this time around.

"Craig's idea to include local fans and visitors gives it a special appeal," said Kathy Burns, Executive Producer of EmeraldLight, the production company working with Schulz. "And doing the interviews gave him the unique opportunity to hear first hand how much everyone cherishes his Dad's work."

Schulz's goal with the video projects is to donate proceeds from sales to the Charles M. Schulz Fund in support of the bronze statues being designed for Saint Paul's new downtown park.

YMCA offers City employee discounts

This month, the Twin Cities YMCAs have an outstanding promotion to offer City of St. Paul employees. If you join any Twin Cities YMCA between October 8th and 28th, 2001, they will waive the joiner fee and give you your first month FREE!

There has never been a better time to join the YMCA — it's a savings up to \$150.

The YMCA offers programs and activities for adults, children, and families. Please stop in at your local YMCA for more information. Be sure to bring proof of employment with you to join. If you have additional questions, please contact Heidi Bardwell at 651-683-4706, or stop by your local YMCA for a tour to see what the YMCA is all about.

Don't miss out — this offer EXPIRES October 28th. For information on other health club discounts, visit the Resource Information Center on Health (RICH) on the skyway level of the City Hall Annex.



The video is on sale at Camp Snoopy, in the Mall of America, as part of their festivities leading up to the public auction of 63 of the Charlie Brown statues on Nov. 4th. The 35-minute keepsake is priced at \$19.95 and is available by calling The Snoopy Shop at 952-883-8630 or ordering online at www.campsnoopy.com

Open Enrollment ends Oct. 31st

Reminder... open enrollment for 2002 benefits ends soon! You must complete your Benefit Election Form and submit it to Ochs Inc. by October 31st, 2001.

There are still two open enrollment sessions where you can get assistance with completing your forms; be sure to read your enrollment material and bring your Benefits Booklet and Benefit Election Form with you:

¶ Tuesday, October 23rd

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City Hall Conference Center

Room 40 A & B

Employees attending these open enrollment sessions are to attend alphabetically by last name as follows:

J - R 9:00 - 11:00

S - Z 11:00 - 1:00

A - I 1:00 - 3:00

¶ Tuesday, October 30th

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City Hall Conference Center

Room 40 A & B

Employees attending these open enrollment sessions are to attend alphabetically by last name as follows:

S - Z 9:00 - 11:00

A - I 11:00 - 1:00

J - R 1:00 - 3:00

Free Flu Shots Offered

The City's Risk Management Division is working with HealthPartners and the Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association (MVNA) again this year to provide free flu shots for all City employees, including those without HealthPartners insurance.

If you are allergic to eggs, latex, or Thimerosal (found in some contact lens solutions), are in the first three months of pregnancy or are trying to conceive, have had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past, or have a moderate to severe illness, you will need to see your personal physician to get a flu shot.

Most people have little or no reaction to the vaccine; no live virus are used, so you can't get the flu from the flu shot. Since new strains of the flu virus are always appearing, some people do get the flu even after getting a shot. However, those people generally have a milder case than those who do not receive a vaccination.

The MVNA states that flu shots will not be available for the general population until November, to allow the high-risk population to be vaccinated first. MVNA also indicated that the flu season is arriving later, with March and April likely to be the peak months. Based on this information, the City has scheduled flu shots for City employees on the following dates/times:

» November 5, 2001

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Hamline Yard - 2nd Floor

289 N Hamline

» November 6, 2001

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City Hall - Room 41

15 W Kellogg Blvd

Please attend alphabetically by last name at the assigned times:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. A-I

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. J-R

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. S-Z

» November 7, 2001

12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m.

Dale Street Garage - 2nd Floor

891 N Dale

Please attend by division group at your assigned time:

12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Street Maintenance

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sewer Maintenance/Municipal Equipment

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Traffic Operations

Note: Be sure to wear a short-sleeve shirt, or a loose top with sleeves that can be rolled up to your shoulders. You will need to stay in the building for 15 minutes following the flu shot to ensure you have no reaction.

The Real Fountain of Youth

Research continues to reveal that being physically active, eating healthful foods, and avoiding tobacco and secondhand smoke reduces your risk for cancer, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and other chronic conditions. In addition, a healthy lifestyle is the key to feeling energetic and youthful throughout life.

Is your daily physical activity limited to moving your fingers on a

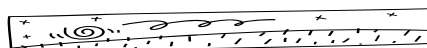
keyboard? Do you have only enough time to grab a burger and fries on the run? Do you wish you had more energy? Have you thought about making changes to your lifestyle? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, consider attending the Real Fountain of Youth workshop sponsored by Cityfit. You'll learn to:

- Add physical activity to your day
- Feel younger, and have more energy

- Make food choices that are delicious, healthy, and convenient

- Receive resources that can assist you in your lifestyle change process

"The Real Fountain of Youth" workshop will be taught by a registered dietician on Monday, October 22nd from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in City Hall Room 40A. There is no cost, registration is not necessary, and you are welcome to bring your lunch.



• 2001 Combined Campaign •

Campaign ends today — make sure you've participated

If you've gotten your City Update a little early, you still have a chance to participate in this year's Combined Campaign fund drive. It officially ends Friday, October 19th. However, Campaign coordinators will take your pledge cards after the deadline. So don't miss out on your chance to help any or all of the eight organizations taking part in the funding drive:

Community Health Charities-Minnesota: 952-844-9844, or on the web at www.healthcharitiesmn.org

Community Solutions Fund: 651-647-0440, or www.solutionsfund.org

Greater Twin Cities United Way: 612-340-7400, or on the web at www.unitedwaytwincities.org

Minnesota Environmental Fund: 651-917-1876, www.mnenvirofund.org

Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless: 651-224-8011, or on the web at www.oyh.org

United Arts: 651-292-3222, or on the web at www.unitedartsmn.org

The United Negro College Fund: 612-338-5742, or www.uncf.org

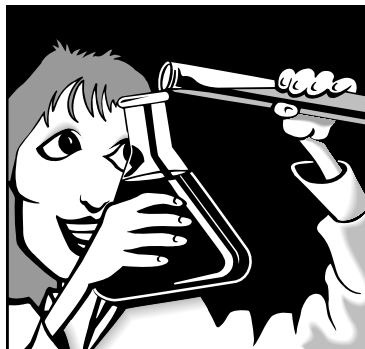
Victim Intervention Project Institute: 651-292-3674, or www.vipi.org

Health Study Volunteers Needed

The Minnesota Department of Health is seeking volunteers for a public health study. Minnesota Department of Health nurses and staff will be attending the flu vaccine clinic(s) scheduled for November 5th, 6th, and 7th. They will be requesting volunteers from the City of Saint Paul to participate in a special study of a germ that causes many ear infections in children and chest infections (pneumonia) in adults.

A wide range of volunteers is needed, especially parents who have infants and other children under age 5, and other participants without children or with older

children. The purpose of the study is to analyze the effects on parents and other adults of a new children's vaccine called Prevnar. Volunteers will complete a short questionnaire and have a throat culture taken. There will be no follow-up cultures or questionnaires, and there will be no payment to volunteers.



Participation in the Department of Health study is voluntary and confidential. If possible, parents of children under age 5 who are interested in the study should bring their children's vaccination records to the clinic.

This information is available, and participation in the study is possible, in alternative formats upon request. For accommodation and/or further information about this study, please contact Catherine Lexau, RN, MPH at the Minnesota Department of Health catherine.lexau@health.state.mn.us, or 612-676-5283. Information is also available at their website; follow the link to the Adult Vaccine Impact Study at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/dpc/ades/ades.htm.

City job openings as of October 19th, 2001

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
10/29/01	Chemical Feed System Repairer (prom)	\$21.20 per hr	11/07/01
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1436.07	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1592.36	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1179.37	See Job Ann
Open	Recreation Leader (part-time)	\$9.05 per hr	See Job Ann
10/29/01	Vehicle Mechanic	\$21.29 per hr	11/07/01

** This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501) or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after October 11th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.